also prayed that the Railway bridge near the ferry might be so constructed that passengers and cars also might be allowed to use the bridge, as great difficulty was being experienced especially at flood seasons in connection with the transport of goods across the river.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestions will be considered.

130. Suggestions for making the existing Railway service most useful and convenient to the people.

Sahib Bahadur S. Adam Sait (Member, Nominated) thanked the Government for the statement in the opening Address relating to the extension of the Railway and the creation of a State Railway department and also for procuring a through service from Trivandrum to Madras which obviated the necessity of a change at Madura. The Member agreed with Mr. Ganapati Pillai as to the urgent necessity for the extension of the line to some central part of the town and pointed out that the difficulties experienced by the people by the location of the Railway Station at Chakay were innumerable. The merchants were not able to book their goods traffic at the Railway Station and goods bound for Quilon were sent in *valloms* with the result that an appreciable revenue in the shape of Railway receipts was lost. The Member pointed out that the public utility of the extension to the Pier was questionable as that extension did not mitigate the difficulties of the merchants or the public and prayed that the resolutions submitted by the meeting of the merchants of Trivandrum and referred to in Mr. Ganapati Pillai's representations, might engage the immediate attention of Government.

The Member also prayed,

(1) that a Station be put up for the present near the first Mantapam as the extension to the Pier runs by the side of that Mantapam;

(2) that the S. I. R. be induced to use at least the F class engine in the trains that leave the Trivandrum Station. At present the travelling public felt great inconvenience for want of sufficient accommodation in the various trains leaving the Trivandrum station and it was due to the fact that the engines used belonged to class A which was not able to draw beyond a certain weight;

(3) that early steps be taken to provide sufficient waiting accommodation at the stations between Trivandrum and Quilon;

(4) that arrangements be made for providing drinking water at the several stations;

(5) that goods sheds be put up at important stations such as Kazhakoottam, Murukampuzha, etc., and

(6) that the existing roads connecting the important main road with the Railway approach roads be metalled.

Dewan's reply.—I have already told Mr. Ganapati Pillai that the construction of a flag station near the Mantapam at the first mile-stone on the Beach road is engaging the attention of Government. Four new B class engines and some new rolling stock have been purchased. They are on their way. When they arrive, the traffic difficulties complained of will largely disappear. In regard to waiting accommodation, the Railway authorities will be addressed. The Railway authorities do realise the importance of such things, but it has to be remembered that the line has just begun to pay and that any increase in capital expenditure would reduce the net income on the large capital outlay. The other suggestions will be kept in view.

131. Necessity for creating an Executive Council composed of peoples' representatives.

Mr. N. J. Varghese (Member, Trading Classes, Kayankulam) said that opinion was strong in the country that an Executive Council should be formed to assist the Head of the Administration in governing the country, and that the Government's reply to the interpellation in the Legislative Council that Government did not consider it necessary to create an Executive Council was disappointing to the people.

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